

debt. There are other years in which that can be gradually reduced. Let the Century effort be, as largely as possible, a great forward movement of gratitude that shall place the whole work of our church on a much better and stronger position during the century to come.

#### SPECIAL CENTURY FUND BANKS.

Specially manufactured for the Century Fund Committee. A sample has been sent to each S.S. superintendent with the following circular:—

To all schools undertaking to use these banks, and stating the number required, they will be forwarded free of cost excepting charges for carriage, which will be collected on delivery. But in order to lessen the expense of administering the fund, schools are invited to remit at the rate of \$2.50 per hundred, which is the cost price and will include carriage. This does not mean a large amount to each individual school, but it will be a large sum if paid by the Committee. Perhaps the teachers if appealed to, will in some way provide the money to pay for the banks. At the same time if there are schools within whose reach even this small expenditure does not come we shall be content if they bear the cost of transportation.

All the children and young people within the congregation, whether in the school or not, should be encouraged to use these banks. It is suggested that in each school a special Century Fund Financial Secretary should be appointed to whom the banks should be returned every three or six months, and who should regularly hand the contributions to the Century Fund Treasurer of the congregation.

We are assured that this bank will be welcome in many of our schools, and that every boy and girl using it will keep it as a souvenir of this great movement, which means so much to the young people of our Church.

Mr. F. B. Allan, Old U. C. College, Toronto, an esteemed elder of the Church, has kindly undertaken to oversee this branch of our work free of charge. Will you please indicate to him immediately the number you can use. If you desire to purchase the banks at the above cost of production and carriage, kindly remit to him with your order.

The Committee does not venture to suggest what amount your school should aim at in connection with this effort. Some schools, it may be mentioned, are aiming at an average of fifty cents from each bank, and this surely is not too high. Many schools will reach a figure far beyond this. Could not your school aim at an average of one dollar from each bank. The name of every child giving or collecting one dollar for this fund will have a place in the Memorial Volume.

We earnestly entreat you to give immediate attention to this matter, to seek to enlist the hearty sympathy of all the teachers and scholars, and to remind all that this movement is special and must not be allowed to interfere with the ordinary givings of the school to the mission work of the Church. It is hoped that every Sabbath school in the church without exception will use the banks.

This Century Fund movement is more full of promise to our sons and daughters than we know. May God help us to be faithful in this our day of opportunity, and whatever we do, let us do it heartily as unto the Lord!

In the name of the Committee: R. H. Warden, convener; R. Campbell, general agent; W. G. Wallace, secretary.

#### CENTURY FUND CANVASSING BOOKS.

1. Canvassing books are of two kinds; Book A, which is for use in congregations where subscriptions are to be for the Common Fund only; Book B, for use where subscriptions are to be for both Debt and Common Funds.

2. The congregational record books to be in care of the local treasurer in each congregation or station of a congregation, are sent out in sets of two books, and are to be written up in duplicate. One of these books will be retained permanently in the congregation, and the other sent in 1901 to Toronto or Halifax to be placed in the Archives there.

These books are of two sizes; 500 size being for 500 names, and suitable for congregations or stations of over 50 families, and 250 size, suitable for smaller congregations or stations. These books are not needed, and in fact cannot be used till a local committee has been organized and a local treasurer appointed. Application for these books should be made to the agent at Perth, Ont., and every application should be accompanied by the name and address of the local treasurer, else the books will not be forwarded. The order should be as follows:—

Please forward sets congregational record books, 500 size (or 250 size) for the congregation (or station) of \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ in the Presbytery of \_\_\_\_\_ of which Rev. \_\_\_\_\_ is minister, and \_\_\_\_\_ Esq., of \_\_\_\_\_ (P. O. address) is local treasurer.

3. Some have been sending in the original canvassing books to Dr. Warden. This is not desired. These are to be retained in the congregation, and all that is in them to be entered in the Congregational Record Books.

4. Some treasurers have been reporting amounts paid to Debt Fund. The proper course is to keep a Debt Fund account, and in May, 1901, to report the full amount paid towards Debt during the two years.

R. CAMPBELL.